

AFL GRAND FINAL DAY

The annual Bundoora Tennis Club Grand Final Day party was on again this year with a turnout of 50+, an excellent turnout considering the weather forecast leading up to the big day.

The day started off with a bang. The miserable weather was as expected, but that didn't stop those hungry for the handball comp and a few sausages off the BBQ, from getting involved in the action. The handball comp was extremely popular with just about everyone having a go, but no one could out-do the handballing skills of Bob Bonnell who took home the \$30 JB Hifi voucher.

Before we knew it, the teams were out on the ground standing in line for the national anthem and suddenly everyone's attention was drawn to the BIG SCREEN. As the match got underway, there was a buzz about the room as we awaited the first goal scorer to announce the winner of the first goal sweep. As Max Rooke kicked truly from 50+m, I (Brandon Bryant) was a winner!!

The game was fantastic right from the first bounce. The room was full of cheers and boos as everyone got right into it.

As half-time approached, footy jumpers were handed out for the eagerly anticipated Half Time 'Mini Match' between Brando's Blues and Copesy's Commanders. The weather wasn't looking great outside as half time approached, however that did not stop us! Minutes later, the two teams took to the field and did battle in extremely difficult conditions. While this might not sound like much fun, ask anyone who played, they'll tell you they had a ball! After 20 mins of intense wet weather football, Brando's Blues were victorious once again kicking 2.0.12 to Copesy's Commanders 1.2.8. Brian Loftus was announced best on ground for the day showing great skill and poise in the difficult conditions.

On the back of all the excitement of our match, the third quarter of the AFL Grand Final was underway. The excitement continued throughout the second half right up to the final siren that saw Geelong victorious over St. Kilda by two goals.

The final prize to be given away was for the winner of the Norm Smith Medal sweep and was awarded to Shaun Gerring who drew Paul Chapman as his player.

The day was extremely enjoyed by all and I would like to thank everyone for attending. We were initially a little concerned about the turnout considering the weather forecast, however it was great to see so many club members and friends and family down on the day supporting the club, so thanks again. Secondly I'd like to thank everyone that helped make the day a success. There are too many to list individually but I do thank them all for their help. Without them, the day would not have been possible.

The day was a great success for the club and I hope to see you all, plus many more, down at the club next year, hopefully cheering on the Blues to the premiership!

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